Assessment of waste water flow into Sea

3023. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of wasteful flow of water of west flowing rivers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of each of such rivers; and

(c) the steps being taken to harness the water flowing waste in the sea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The average annual precipitation is estimated as 4000 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) in the country. After accounting for the natural process of evaporation etc., the average annual water availability in the country is assessed as 1869 BCM. Utilization of water for diverse purposes is made through various schemes including major and medium projects and minor schemes, both surface and ground water. It is estimated that owing to topographic, hydrological and other constraints, the utilizable water is 1123 BCM only. As per an estimate, the average annual water availability of Mahi, Sabarmati, Narmada, Tapi, West flowing rivers between Tapi to Tadri, West flowing rivers between Tadri to Kanyakumari and West flowing rivers of Kutch and Saurashtra, etc, is 291.30 (BCM). It is estimated that the total utilizable water in above mentioned basins is 160.37 BCM. Rest of the water could be considered flowing down to sea.

With a view to optimally utilize the available resources, several measures for development and management of water resources are undertaken by the respective State Governments which include creation of storages, restoration of water bodies, rain water harvesting, artificial recharge to ground water and adoption of better management practices etc. State Governments conceive, plan and implement major, medium and minor scheme for utilization of water resources.

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3024. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consequent to the creation of State of